1996 Atlanta African American
GAY & LESBIAN
Community Directory

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- Audre Lorde

Atlanta Lambda
Community Center

Mission Statement

The mission of the Atlanta Lambda Center is to enable and empower the members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Community as they work for equal rights and justice. Its goal is to serve as a point of entry for newcomers, to provide meeting/activity space for community organizations, and to serve as a community resource center. The Atlanta Lambda Center is the heart of Atlanta's Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Community. The center is inclusive and celebrates diversity, while seeking to build a cohesive community.

Volunteers, God Bless 'Em!

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairpeople,
No group leaders or carpools
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cold drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a king.
You ask,
"Who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth.

- Anonymous

Lord - Open my mind to those who have a different opinion and outlook than mine. I need to remember that we grow by sharing opinions.

Adodi Muse

Adodi Muse, We who comprise Adodi Muse, the outsiders collective of African - American gay and bi - sexual men are committed first and foremost to stating we exist in this place and at this time, and have been previously the vial silent voice which henceforth shall never be silent again. Adodi Muse commits our time and energy to telling of our individual and collective experiences, by performing the work we pen and the work of others who support our survival. We dream and hope to create the lasting presence of our stories by publishing and chronicling these acts through words, song and dance.

President - Tony Daniels

"Through artistic ability we will be here while we stand and our words will be here when we can no longer stand. Support each other in all positive endeavors and your plight to the top will be a success."

404.521-2515 / 348 Berean Ave. S.E., Atlanta, GA 30312

Black & White Men Together

A multi-racial organization committed to fostering a supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. To these ends, we engage in educational, political, cultural, and social activities as men dealing with racism, sexism, homophobia, and other inequities in our community and in our lives.

Co-Chair Dough Stickels

"Breaking the chains of isms, just say NO to RACISM, SEXISM & HOMOPHOBIA. Don't just believe it, live it."

404.892-BWMT / P.O. Box 1334, Atlanta, GA 30301-1334

Dyfferent Gyrl Productions

Dyfferent Gyrl Productions is an organization that was designed with women in mind, its goal is to add a dash of New Flava (Flavor) to the entertainment scene in Atlanta, Georgia. Realizing the diversity in the lesbian community, our primary goal is to give women various forms of entertainment.

President - Kem Knuckles

"In this world of on going prejudice, it is important for lesbians and gays to not just work together, or stick together, but know the importance of a personal relationship with God, and know the importance of being a friend, a true and caring friend. We need to support each other our community and rise above all prejudice and injustice."

404.908-5340 / P.O. Box 13346, Atlanta, GA 30324

HOSPITALITY ATLANTA

Hospitality Atlanta dedicates itself to entertainment; social outlet producing organization of the African-American Lesbian and Gay community of the broader Metropolitan Atlanta area. It offers this community the opportunity to share ideas, personal experiences and fun in an atmosphere which is gay friendly, developed and designed experiences for personal enrichment.

Partners - Jocelyn Lyles, Cindy Joshua, Charlotte Shaw

"Four years ago, an entertainment experience for lesbians and gays was improved upon and set the stage for years to come; acknowledging that interested and involved people could in fact be successful in sponsoring events of all sorts to entertain an untapped market. The stage has been set for everyone who is dedicated to offer services to a community to become successful through its efforts. We stand as an example of such an effort and 'Pass the torch' to our younger sisters interested in the same objectives."

404.627-1630 / P.O. Box 55410, Atlanta, GA 30308

Les Femmes Ele Gante'

Les Femmes Ele Gante' was established to bring the lesbian and gay community together in an elegant and luxurious atmosphere geared toward raising the community's consciousness to a grandeur level of social activities. We believe that our social functions are presented in a manner and fashion that represented our level of commitment to our community: THAT WE GIVE NOTHING LESS THAN OUR BEST!

Co-Chairs Syles Williams & Karen Watson

"We extend our love and support to all our brothers and sisters and hope that you will learn to recognize and acknowledge the Divine Spirit that lives within your souls. As you develop your higher consciousness, you will also realize, ' That you can do all things through the divine will of the creator, and that Divine Spirit is the source of your supply'."

404.767-5053 / 2714 Holley Court, East Point, GA 30344

Morehouse Alliance

Morehouse Alliance serves as a support mechanism for gay and bi-sexual students on the campus .

President -Keron Williams

"Together we can eradicate the senseless homophobia in our community's through education and self-awareness."

404.249-6353 / 830 Westview Drive Box 8514, Atlanta, GA 30314

PHaT BHrat

PHat Bhrat is an independent organization that promotes individualized parties for the gay and straight community. We do not discriminate on race, religion, and sexual orientation. Our main focus is to unite the gay and straight community through social functions, we believe if we work together, we can party together successfully.

President - Doug Brannon

"To commemorate the challenges of our ancestors, appreciate their achievements, and always make tribute to the collective efforts of everyone involved in the struggle of African American sisters and brothers. We salute you as proud gay and lesbian people of color."

404.633-6883

Positive Black Lesbian United

Positive Black Lesbian United (PBLU) is a group of positive, down to earth and genuine lesbians of color exchanging powerful and productive ways of dealing with our everyday challenges.

Founder/President - Dee Fearbry

"The winner in us is always a part of the answer; the loser in us is always a part of the problem. The winner always has a program; the loser an excuse. The winner sees an answer for every problem; the loser sees a problem for every answer. The loser says 'It may be possible, but it's too difficult. ' We say, 'It' may be difficult, but it's possible.' Be a winner and pull together to fight with us."

404.250-7950 / P.O. Box 655, Avondale Estates, GA 30002

PRIZM

Prism is an independent organization providing our community with a quality affair that is held annually. The purpose of the affair is to unite the community in a one day event to foster pride and camaraderie. Prizm will continue to provide and foster an atmosphere that is secure and respectful to lesbian and gay people of color.

President - G.E. and A.K.S

"You are always a quality person in the eyes of your community."

404.344-6865 / 2861 Clearwater Road, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30331

Second Sunday Discussion Group

Second Sunday exits to unite and empower gay men of African Decent. We openly discuss issues and concerns of gay men and share related experiences. Currently we meet every Second Sunday of the month for discussions and potluck.

Contact - Badili Jones

"From its beginning as a small discussion group in someone's living room, Second Sunday has grown rapidly in just over two years. Seconds Sunday continues to fulfill the need for gay men to meet and discuss issues that pertain to their lives. In the month and years to come Second Sunday hopes to meet the need for an even more powerful black gay community."

SISTER OF 30 SOMETHING SPECIAL

Sisters of 30 Something Special (So30 SS) is an organization dedicated to promoting quality entertainment, social events and a networking environment for lesbians. So30 SS is not about age, but attitude. With chapters in New York and Philadelphia we are a growing organization that is dedicated to creating a stronger, more unified and connected sisterhood.

President - Traci Fields

"We believe that a positive environment brings about a positive attitude. We will continue to give the women of Atlanta the best in entertainment education and networking with your participation we can put So30 SS on the map!"

404.350-9758 / 500 Northside Circle C-8, Atlanta, GA 30309

SONG

The purpose of Southerners on New Ground, Song founded in the vision of lesbian activists from a range of progressive struggles, is to develop transformative models of organizing that connect race, class, gender and sexual orientation and to build lasting relationships among people and their organizations. The goal of SONG is to help shift national lesbian/gay/bi/trans organizing into an anti-racist, broader justice seeking context and to integrate work against homophobia into freedom struggles in the South.

Director- Pat Hussain

"We came together - concerned about the attacks of the right, concerned about the race, class and gender issues within our own tran/les/bi/gay movement, concerned about the fragmentation which occurs when individuals are asked to choose between one of several issues which affects them, horrified at the wedge being driven between communities which should be allies, and committed to building strong and long lasting alliances. We go forward - connected to those who choose justice, nourished by our shared stories filled with victory and pain, sustained by friendships, daring to believe in and rely on each other. Join Us!"

404. 212-9695 / 2729 Rovena Ct., Decatur, GA 30034

Spelman College Lesbian, Bi-Sexual Alliance

Spelman College Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance (LBA) is a student organization that is accessible to all students in the Atlanta University Center. The LBA meets weekly to provide support, a safe environment and a network to confront and fight institutional homophobia.

Co Chairs Tracee Ford & Antonia Randall

"We are the ones we have been waiting for, the Spelmen LBA believes in empowering themselves with the love and support of young sisters in the life to make the changes in this fluid world work to our advantage. THE FUTURE WILLS IT AND IT'S DONE".

404.758-3542 / 160 Belmonte Drive, Atlanta, GA 30311

THINK IT'S NOT WHEN IT IZ, INC.

THINK IT'S NOT WHEN IT IZ (TINWII) is a theater company dedicated to promoting positive gay and lesbian imagery in the media. Established in 1990, the company is committed to educating the public on gay and lesbian issues in order to help combat existing prejudice and ostracism that many individuals and families live with on a daily basis. Our overall mission is to advocate for and enhance the quality of individual, family, and community life by empowering them to accept their diverse sexuality's, despite socialization and rigid "moral" values.

Executive Director - Sonia Hemphill

"They key element of unity is visibility because, if we cant see you we cant unite with you. Leadership involves creating a forum where visibility and unity leads to a recognition of self. For that recognition of self we can began to create networks to support the survival of our gay and lesbian community."

770.263-0554 / 4371 Winter Chapel Road, Atlanta, GA 30360

ZAMI

Zami is a non- profit support organization for African-American lesbians in the Atlanta, metropolitan area. Our bi-weekly discussions provide support, nurturing and an enlightenment process for black lesbians. It also gives us a sense of togetherness in the community through social development, educational means and activities that support the growth of the community. ZAMI creates a solidarity among black lesbians and it serves as a learning house for all.

President - Mary Anne Adams

"As we approach the next millennium, let us resolve as a community of Black lesbians and gay men to do the internal work necessary to gain greater personal empowerment. Let's unite across the gender and class division and struggle together to leave a legacy of thriving, productive organizations of which younger generations of black lesbians and gays in Atlanta, Georgia can be proud. 'Visibility which makes us most vulnerable is that which also is the source of our greatest strength,' said feminist poet, Audre Lorde."

404.370-1392 / P.O. Box 2502, Decatur, GA 30030

Notes

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Atlanta Lambda Center Community Program: Celebration of Black History Month

"Unity Through Personal Empowerment"

- Programme -

Opening
Affirmation ..... Badili Jones
Welcome ..... Sandye Lark
Reading ..... Queen
Young Adult & Youth Empowerment ..... Spelman L.B.A. & Friends
Reading ..... Adodi Muse

Music Selection ..... Chantel

Introduction of Speaker ..... Joan Gardner
Speaker ..... *Mandy Carter*

Introduction of Speaker ..... Tony Daniels
Speaker ..... *Dr. Elias Farajaje-Jones*

Music Selection ..... Chantell
Audre Lorde Dedication & Award ..... Sonia Hemphill
Community Appreciation Award ..... Hospitality Atlanta

Closing ..... Alishia L. Bristow

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